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STUDIES OF THE SUBTRIBE TACHYINA (COLEOPTERA:  
 CARABIDAE: BEMBIDIINI) SUPPLEMENT B: LECTOTYPE  
 DESIGNATION OF *MASOREUS RIDICULUS* SCHAUFUSS  
 AND TRANSFER OF THIS SPECIES TO *POLYDERIS*

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During a recent trip to the Museum für Naturkunde an der Humboldt-Universität in East Berlin, DDR, I was able to examine the type of *Masoreus ridiculus* Schaufuss (1879:552). This supposed *Masoreus* species was described from the Antillean island of St. Thomas and was described as being 1.0 mm in length, hence the name *M. ridiculus*, as no *Masoreus* species are less than about 5.0 mm. Examination of the type, through the kindness of Fritz Hieke, showed that the "ridiculous" thing was the placement of this species in *Masoreus* or the Masoreini for that matter. The beetle is, in fact, a Tachyina (Bembidiini) of the genus *Polyderis*, and is the same species named by Bates (1884:287) five years later as *Lymnastis capito* (see Erwin, 1974:143). Therefore, I take the following action: Lectotype, female, here selected, in HUB (see above); type-locality—St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; *Masoreus ridiculus* Schaufuss = *Lymnastis capito* Bates, **new synonymy**. *L. capito* is really a *Polyderis* species and has nothing to do with *Lymnastis* as I already pointed out (Erwin, 1974). The correct name of the species from St. Thomas is now *Polyderis ridiculus* (Schaufuss), **new combination**.

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